

Foundation 1: Festivals and Celebrations

Key vocabulary and definitions:

Diwali: Festival of light in Hinduism, Jainism and Sikhism lasting for 5 days.

Diva Lamp: Hindus light these as a daily act of worship, especially for Diwali.

Gratitude: being thankful and returning thanks through kindness.

Past: something that has happened before.

Family: a group of people living together as a unit or team. This may also include people who may not live with us but are still special to us.

Celebration: to do something special or enjoyable for an important time

Festival: a gathering of people to celebrate some event or belief.

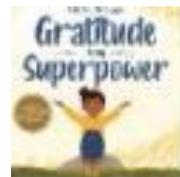
Remembrance Day: when people are given the chance to remember those, who fought and lost their lives during the war.

Bonfire Night: a time to remember Guy Fawkes.

Rules: something to keep us safe.

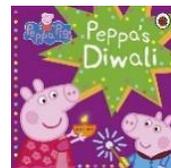
Unique: everyone is different.

Focus Texts:



Gratitude is my Superpower.

As we begin to think about Remembrance Day, we will be using this book to introduce the term 'gratitude' to the children. We will be talking about what we are grateful for and how people have helped us in the past.



Peppa's first Diwali.

We will use this book to think about Diwali and what it involves. We will also share other books based on the Hindu celebrations and the story of Rama and Sita.



Stickman: As we move into December, we will be learning the story of Stickman and thinking about where we belong.

We will be preparing for Christmas and decorating the Nursery area for Santa!



The Snowman: we will be using this book to focus on the use of illustrations to tell a story. We will be exploring changes of state through observing freezing, melting and creating steam.

The Big Ideas We Want To Explore...

We are all different: through learning about different beliefs, festivals and celebrations, we intend for the children to begin to recognise similarities and differences between themselves and others.

We will celebrate our own differences with the children to learn that we are all unique and bring different talents to our school.

What is a festival?

Diwali:

We want the children to learn all about the celebration of Diwali, discovering why and how people celebrate at this time.

We will also try different foods and think about where they have come from.

Bonfire Night:

We want to find out why people celebrate Bonfire Night.

We also want to educate the children on how to stay safe around fire and fireworks thinking about fire safety rules.

Remembrance Day:

We want to think about how we remember all the soldiers, who fought in the war, exploring why we are thankful to them.

This will also link into our anti-bullying week as we will develop ideas around what it means to be a good friend.

Christmas:

We will then move on to our final celebration, Christmas.

Here we will think about why and how we celebrate Christmas whilst practising for our nativity & learning new songs!